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FOLLOWING TEL FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO RECEIVED MAY 12, 1973
SENT ACTION SAIGON INFO AMCONSULS BIEN HOA, DANANG AND
NHA TRANG IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

UNCLAS CAN THO #0304

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINT, MONK, DRAG, VS

SUBJECT: COCONUT MONK-- QUEEN OF PEACE?

REFERENCE: CAN THO 0166

1. OUR MY THO VICE CONSUL REPORTS THAT GVN AUTHORITIES
FOILED THE COCONUT MONK' S ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE HIS ISLAND
RETREAT MAY 10. THE PEACE PREACHING MONK AND ONE DISCIPLE,
BOTH DISGUISED IN FEMALE GARB, BOARDED A SAMPAN LATE
THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND TRAVELLED TO MY THO FROM WHERE
THEY PLANNED TO PROCEED TO SAIGON. ALERT POLICE STOPPED
THE TWO DELTA DRAGSTERS AND INFORMED GVN SUPERIORS.
DINH TUONG' S SMOOTH TALKING POLICE CHIEF, COL. DO KIEN MUOI,
PERSUADED THE APPAIR TO RETURN TO THE COCONUT MONK' S ISLAND.

2. THE MONK' S MISSION WAS UNEXPLAINED. HE APPARENTLY
RESORTED TO HIS BIZARRE DISGUISE TO CIRCUMVENT REPORTED GVN
STRICTURES ON HIS MOVEMENTS. (REFTEL). IT IS NOT KNOWN
WHETHER THE VENERABLE PEACENIK SHAVED HIS WISPY WHITE BEARD
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TO ENHANCE HIS DISGUISE. WISNER
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